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There have been 331 pupils in attendance this term.

ERRATUM

The entry under this heading in last term's magazine should read:
Pridmore, V. L. (IA).

OLD SCHOLARS' GUILD*President : J. M. Stewart.**Treasurer : Mrs. D. Taylor.**Secretary : C. Strain,
112, Hertford Road,
Alcester.***Summer Reunion**

The Summer Reunion was held at School on Saturday, July 19th, During the afternoon tennis was organised by T. Savage, and tea was served in the canteen. In the evening proceedings commenced with dinner, excellently arranged under the supervision of Mrs. Rutter. The attendance during the evening was somewhat disappointing, considering that over five hundred invitations had been sent out, in addition to the insertion of advertisements in all the local papers. There was a considerable financial loss on the Reunion.

At the business meeting, members were informed of the financial soundness of the Guild. Miss J. Young was elected Vice-President on a proposition adjourned from the Winter Reunion. Mrs. S. Latham (née Spencer) was co-opted to the Committee as a representative for Bidford.

An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation to the School of a portrait of the founder of the Guild, Mr. Ernest Wells, to mark the fortieth anniversary of its foundation. We were very pleased that Mr. Wells' elder daughter, Janet Wells, was able to be present on this occasion. Both she and Mr. Druller spoke to the gathering about the personality and work of Mr. Wells. The presentation was made by the Guild's President and the portrait was received on behalf of the School by the Headmaster.

During the evening a large anniversary cake was cut and handed round. Dancing until midnight was enjoyed to music supplied by the Geoff Ball Trio. For those who preferred to play table tennis a classroom had been set aside for this purpose. The evening ended as usual with the Grand Goodnight. The Committee were very pleased that among those attending this Reunion were so many of the older Old Scholars and hope that they will feel encouraged to attend future gatherings.

Dances

On Friday, September 6th, a dance was held at Great Alne Village Hall. Music was supplied by the Moonrakers' Band, and the evening was a great success, both socially and financially.

On Wednesday, October 29th, a dinner-dance was organised at the Ettington Park Hotel, with the object of appealing to the interest of earlier Old Scholars. The experiment proved a very successful one. It is hoped to make this an annual event, in the belief that, with more publicity, the number supporting these functions will be much increased.

Winter Reunion

Saturday, December 20th, has been chosen as the date for the annual Winter Reunion at School. Proceedings will open at 7.30 p.m. with a

business meeting, at which officers will be elected. From 8 p.m. there will be a programme of dancing and games in the Hall. After a break for a buffet supper at 9.30 p.m. dancing will continue until midnight. The inclusive charge for the evening is 3s. 6d.

Forthcoming Dances

On Friday, November 28th, there will be a dance at the Village Hall, Mappleborough Green, from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are 5s. and the Moonrakers' Band will provide the music.

On Friday, January 9th, a dance will be held at the Memorial Hall, Shottery, from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For Friday, February 13th, a dance has been arranged to take place at the Crawford Memorial Hall, Bidford. The Avon Players Dance Band will be in attendance from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Easter Dance will be held on Tuesday, March 31st, in Alcester Town Hall. Music on this occasion will be provided by the Dennis Wheeler Quartet from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Admission to all dances will be by ticket only. Tickets are available from the Secretary and all Committee members. The Secretary will be pleased to supply the address of the nearest Committee member. Further announcements of these dances will appear in the local Press.

BIRTHS

On April 18th, to the Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Jennings (née Margaret Norris)—a daughter.

On July 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hill (née Barbara Perkins)—a son.

On August 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Whiteley (née Peggy Gibson)—a daughter.

On August 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hopkins (née Dorothy Rose)—a son.

On September 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Jones (née Mary Rowland)—a daughter.

On September 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Midlane—a son.

On September 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. K. Rock (née Mary Burrows)—a daughter.

On September 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hadwen—a son.

On October 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Round (née Jean Codling)—a son.

MARRIAGES

On April 22nd, at Inkberrow, Percival Reynold Trevitt to Bernice Mary Cantrill (scholar 1942-47).

On June 14th, at Stratford-on-Avon, Ian Dennis Bird to Yvonne Valerie Beesley (scholar 1949-53).

On June 28th, at Studley, Michael John Dowdeswell (scholar 1941-45) to Ivy Dorothy Sargeant.

On July 17th, at Alcester, Barry Edward Statham to Sylvia Mary Devey (scholar 1948-53).

- On July 19th, at Bidford-on-Avon, Ronald Maxwell Hawkins to Joyce Dimelow (scholar 1946-51).
- On July 19th, at Tredington, Derek P. Haines (scholar 1941-44) to Janet Rosalind Parker (scholar 1944-47).
- On July 26th, at Studley, Harry Graham Maskrey to Sheila Kathleen George (scholar 1948-54).
- On August 16th, at Salford Priors, Colin Parker to Patricia Williams (scholar 1947-52).
- On August 16th, at Wilton, Taunton, Michael Edward Fogg (scholar 1945-52) to Judith Elisabeth Williams.
- On August 30th, at Bidford-on-Avon, David Mark Gould (scholar 1948-53) to Kathleen Martha Parry.
- On September 6th, at Studley, Robert James Blundell (scholar 1944-49) to Janet Cicely Gulliver.
- On September 6th, at Stratford-on-Avon, Harold Henry Goodwin to Gillian Mary Winspear (scholar 1944-50).
- On September 20th, at Mappleborough Green, Gerald Rickard Green to Rosemary Alice Sharpe (scholar 1950-55).
- On September 20th, at Tidmington, Malcolm John Haines (scholar 1942-44) to Margot Myfanwy Spencer.
- On October 18th, at Alcester, Norman Charles Blake (scholar 1946-52) to Mary Bunting (scholar 1941-54).
- On October 25th, at Stratford-on-Avon, John Arthur Haines to Janet Winspear (scholar 1947-52).
- On November 1st, at Cleeve Prior, Roland Keith Langston (scholar 1945-50) to Barbara Winifred Jinks.
- On November 1st, at Normanton, Alan Rogers (scholar 1941-45) to Margaret Elizabeth Moore.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

In a tennis match between an Old Scholars' VI and the School on Tuesday, June 24th, the Old Scholars won by seven matches to two. The Old Scholars' team consisted of Mavis Bennett, Barbara Druller, Rose Bunting, Margaret Woodfield, Anne Hemming and Evelyn Holder.

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Janet Wells has been appointed a Justice of the Peace at Barrow-in-Furness.

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G. D. Keyte has obtained a B.Sc. degree in Chemistry, with 2nd class honours, Division I, at Aberystwyth University College.

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Rhys Davies was one of the competitors in the Marathon race of the Empire Games in July, being placed ninth. He was the first Welsh representative to finish.

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J. Prestidge has been appointed an Education Officer in Tanganyika.

Daphne Harris is now a purser on a ship of the Orient line.

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C. R. Mortimore has been awarded a college diploma in Production Engineering at Loughborough College of Technology.

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A. E. Rabone has been appointed an Assistant Lecturer at the L.C.C. South-East Technical College.

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A tennis match was played between the Old Scholars and the Staff on Wednesday, July 23rd. The Old Scholars' team was H. Feast and Sheila Winspear; M. Yeomans and Gillian Winspear; T. Savage and Dorothy Taylor. The Staff were represented by Mr. Petherbridge and Miss Hewitt; Mr. Oldham and Miss Morris; Mr. Packham and Miss Daykin. The result was a victory for the Staff.

CITY IN THE SHADE

As I followed the guide, I wondered whether I had done the right thing in not removing my socks. I had removed my shoes, of course, but the guide had said nothing about further footwear, so I glided silently in the wake of his hasty bare-footed trot. We passed through a sort of foyer with a mosaic floor and up some stone steps to the barred gilt door of a vault. Inside, my hero assured me, was a golden casket containing a tooth from the head of Gautama Buddha. I discovered later, however, on reading about the subject, that it was, in fact, an ivory replica of the original, which had conveniently been destroyed in Goa in the fourteenth century.

We walked around the rectangular vault, which was adorned with a crude gilt Buddhist design. On three sides were rows of supported planks with candles on them and a few women were praying. We passed the dishevelled figure of an old man asleep on rough bedding hard against the side of the vault. Was he dead? Not so, our guide assured me, but he expected to die soon and was here for that purpose. We moved on.

The whole place was very dirty and we stopped several times near boxes where we were invited to subscribe towards the upkeep of various parts. Contributions were voluntary, but the guide waited, patiently and silently, until everyone had donated something, before moving on.

Passing again through the foyer and up a series of stone steps, we came on to a balcony overlooking the street below and across the lake.

"Boodivul voo!" mumbled the guide, which indeed it was, although we had no time to admire it as the guide sped on back to the entrance where, as was inevitable, he held out an expectant hand for tips.

After replacing my shoes, I walked out of the temple, past a score of other wavering palms, some bemoaning their bad luck and others proving it by displaying disfigured limbs or places where limbs had once been.

The temple is regarded as the main feature of the city, a fact which tends to overshadow the city itself with its beautiful large lake, which was more fascinating to me.

I was dismayed to find two large hotels, derelict since their wartime use, a sad reflection on a dwindling tourist industry, which is indeed an undeserved fate. No wonder the kings who once ruled Ceylon had chosen Kandy as their home and capital.

R. D. LANCASTER (Scholar 1949-54).

A STEP BACK INTO HISTORY

While on holiday in Scotland this year, I had the opportunity of looking over a train of about 1890 which is still running today. The fact is that the complete train is a museum piece and, early in 1958, the Scottish Region of British Railways overhauled the train so that it could be used on excursions.

The engine and two coaches are in their pre-grouping livery of the Caledonian Railway Company. The engine is painted Caledonian blue, and it was built in 1866 by Nielsons of Glasgow. It is a 4-2-2 type of locomotive, Caledonian Number 123. The locomotive's chief claim to celebrity is its participation in the 1888 Anglo-Scottish race, during which Number 123 was the Caledonian's representative between Carlisle and Edinburgh, its best achievement being the coverage of the one hundred miles in one hundred and two minutes with a four-coach load of eighty tons. It escaped condemnation at the grouping, though it lost its Caledonian blue livery. For many years it was kept at Glasgow to draw the Scottish Division directors' saloon. Then, at the beginning of the 1930's, it was put back into regular revenue-earning work on passenger duties from Perth to Dundee. It was withdrawn from traffic in 1935 and stored at the London Midland and Scottish Railways Locomotive Works at St. Rollox, Glasgow, until 1958.

The two coaches are painted in their original livery, which was with lake bodies and white upper panels. The upholstery in the coaches is leather and the internal decoration is of a much higher standard than that seen today on modern trains.

The engine's first run since overhaul was from Perth to Edinburgh. On this run the locomotive's crew were dressed in Caledonian uniform and wore inevitable beards and whiskers. Since then Number 123 has been at the "head" on many excursions to Perth, Ardrossan and Carlisle, but not without mishap.

When I saw Number 123 at Ardrossan it had just arrived, being hauled "dead" from Largs by a class two 4-4-0. It had failed at Largs with an injector and was due to be repaired at Ardrossan depot. The passengers of the train returned to Glasgow by ordinary train, where they had their money refunded.

Number 123 is not the only historic locomotive to be overhauled and brought back into service. Another one is the "City of Truro," which the Western Region renovated. Last April I travelled behind it on a round trip from Reading, visiting Swindon and Southampton. Today what a change it is to see an engine of elegant lines instead of the ugly diesel.

C. SPALDING (VI).

OLLA PODRIDA

The red squirrel, writes C.J., was once an uninhabitant of Britain.

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King Hiram of Tyre, says B.P., was an alloy.

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A bird's temperature is 105°, but that, according to B.P., is our dying temperature.

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Each angel, we learn from H.P., had six wings; with twine he covered his face, with twine he covered his feet, and with twine he did fly.

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Which member of the Sixth believes that one name for the devil is "England's Glory"?

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When the heat is on telephone wires, says M.R., they expand, so that is why the wires are put up rather slack.

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Solomon, writes M.H., taxed his people heavenly.

THE KILLER IN THE CORNER

In the south-east corner of the reservoir, where the wall of the dam met the beach, there was a great bed of weeds from which, in summer, came pink flowers, but which shrank back in winter with the frosts until only a few stalks remained. Thin ice spread over the corners of the reservoir and protruded along the banks, with long points shooting towards the middle.

Suddenly there was a tremendous splash, closely followed by a swirl in the water. A shoal of roach burst through the surface of the dark water, followed by an ugly head, over a foot long, which tore its way behind them. Under the surface, hidden from the outside world, a half-pound roach met its death on the vicious back-sloping teeth which covered the jaws, tongue, and the roof of the great pike's mouth.

The brute was not seriously feeding, merely playing, or she would not have chosen such small "fry." Then she cruised back into the weed-bed, her home, and quietly turned her victim head-downwards to swallow it, lying in the water with small undulating movements of her fins. Presently, the small roach returned and sported around a bit of bread on the surface, swimming up to it and suddenly turning away, afraid at the last moment that it harboured some evil, until a more adventurous one swallowed it, and all moved away to some other morsel.

Suddenly all was disturbed by a long black shape, as the pike, irritated by the pastimes of her smaller relations, launched all thirty pounds of herself at the shoal, snatching up a laggard who had been injured at some fisherman's hands; and so back to the weeds with her prey.

Later came the proper feeding-time, when she emerged, now ignoring anything else until she found a shoal of bream pushing their noses into the mud in a search for worms or any other piece of edible matter. Choosing a fish of about two pounds she drove straight at it with the tremendous acceleration given her by her powerful body and shape. A short chase to the surface and back to the bottom, forty feet down, was all that took place before the bream was snapped up, turned and swallowed while still alive. Twenty fish died in half an hour, before the killer returned to her home.

Meanwhile, the fish had not gone unnoticed. Keen anglers were contesting to catch her. So far, however, she had foiled them all. All their baits and lures had failed. Unfortunately, for the pike at least, a man arrived early one morning and began spinning to her. For a long time the silver and red spool came through the water, looking quite realistic, spinning a few feet in front of her nose, until, irritated at this apparent challenge to her authority, she snapped it up, and then, with a bang, the treble hook was jammed into her mouth. For twenty minutes she heaved at the line, but whenever she relaxed she was drawn nearer to the waiting gaff. At last, fate came to her rescue. The dew had made the bank muddy and as the fisherman stepped back his boot slipped, the rod jerked back, and with a "twang" the broken line flew back through the air, while the pike again became victor and mistress of her own corner.

S. ORTON (IVB).

OUR GUY

Last year my friend, Susan, her younger sister and I decided to make a guy for our bonfire. We collected several articles, a hat, an old boiler-suit and an old clay pipe. We filled the boiler-suit with straw and tied it with string at the arms and legs. The head was made out of an old cotton flour bag stuffed with straw. Two buttons were his eyes, his nose was painted on with a pale red paint. His mouth was bright red with white paint in between to represent his teeth.

We stepped back when all was finished and looked at our work with admiration. The job had taken all day, but we all agreed it had been worth it.

Margaret, Susan's younger sister, was very shocked when we said Harry would look very nice burning on top of the bonfire.

"Burn Harry!" she said. "But you can't burn him; I won't let you!"

We thought no more about this incident, but the next day, when we went to the shed to get the guy, there were just a few wisps of straw where he had been lying.

"Margaret," said Sue, "where is he?"

"You can't burn Harry, you can't, you can't, you can't! I won't let you!" Margaret cried persistently!

Susan, who is very kind, said that we would not have a guy on the bonfire and Margaret could keep him. So after all our hard work Harry, who should have been on top of the bonfire, sat in front on an old chair with the best view of all.

ROSINA BIDDLE (III_A).

BONFIRE NIGHT

"Penny for the guy," we cry,
"A penny for the guy."
Hurry quickly to the shop,
Your fireworks to buy.

Gather up the twigs and leaves,
You'll find them everywhere.
Bonfire night is nearly here.
So come and do your share.

See, the bonfire now is lit,
Watch our faces glow.
Parents, sisters, cousins, aunts,
All come to see the show.

Poor guy falls forward with a crash,
Amid screams of delight.
We wouldn't miss it for the world,
Our glorious bonfire night.

JANET SUMMERS (IIA).

LONDON AIRPORT, HAMPTON COURT AND WISLEY

Thursday, July 17th, dawned bright and clear, and for once remained so, for never during the day did we see the clouds that have hung so faithfully over our heads during the past year, and, even though storage space, for all the protective clothing discarded in the heat, was somewhat hard to find, everybody was seen to be in the best of spirits at the start of the journey.

The first scheduled stop was Studley Green, where coffee was to be taken, but on arrival the café was found to be filled beyond capacity. I was later informed by one well versed in mathematics that at least n were present, and after a brief encounter we retreated to the coaches and set about eating elevenses.

London Airport was reached a little early, and after a short walk to revive the circulation, we picked up our guides for the conducted tour. Coach two had a native of Scotland, whose answers to questions provided much mirth. The tour took us through the 2,060ft.-long tunnel to the older North Terminal Buildings, where all Trans-continental and long-range services originate. Here, our guide went into a long detailed description of the occasion when two famous ladies found great difficulty in getting in the very small V.I.P. room. We then made our way to the Number One Maintenance Area, sited at the eastern end of the airfield and used by the two British Corporations, and here we had good views of two of the most impressive buildings in the airport, the B.O.A.C. combined H.Q. and Engineering Base, a massive structure covering eight and a half acres and providing work for ten thousand people in its offices, engineering halls, and four hangars, all built into a building several storeys high and composed of many thousands of tons of concrete, enough I have been told to build a road from London to Edinburgh; and the B.E.A. Engineering Base, which is claimed to be the biggest pre-stressed concrete structure in Europe, being over a thousand feet long with ten hangar pens. Several stops were made in order that we should benefit from close views of the many different types of aircraft present, including

a Comet II A, which caused one amateur photographer to perform many weird and wonderful contortions in taking a photograph, the result of which was a perfect study of a rather large hangar door. Having completed the tour we took our leave of the guides and made our separate ways to the next destinations, Wisley Gardens and Hampton Court Palace.

The party that visited Wisley had an extremely pleasant time walking in the very large and beautiful gardens, but it was a very weary group which rejoined us later.

The second coach proceeded to Hampton Court, where, on arrival, we were informed the time and place of departure, then released. The party then split into two, one to go to the Palace, while the other was last seen proceeding towards the maze at considerable velocity. In most opinions the maze did not come up to expectations, for although there were many of those "Haven't I seen you before?" looks, and many an unfortunate man at the head of a vast crocodile of people was heard to remark, "Stone me! Been here before . . . I think?" or other suitable remarks, nobody got lost; though one untidy individual seated at the middle was heard to broadcast in a loud voice that he'd been here since Tuesday and in his opinion the best solution would be to burn it all down.

The Palace itself proved very interesting to the more artistic members of the party, being composed of a vast number of small rooms, many containing huge four-poster beds, and all with walls covered with paintings. The scientists did, however, find the baths interesting, for reasons unknown. These resembled a cross between a shower and a sheepdip, being in the form of a hole in the wall into which one jumped while water descended from above.

When we had spent most of the afternoon wandering in the Palace and grounds, the pangs of hunger were felt and by the departure hour the whole party had found the chosen café, some with a little difficulty, and had restocked for the journey home. The driver was informed that the meeting place for the two coaches was Magna Charta Island, but when we came to rest we were not confronted by a large overgrown island in the middle of the River Thames as expected, but a large concrete and grass traffic island in the middle of the road, and it took a considerable time to inform the driver of his mistake and that this was not the type of "island" meant. In the meantime historians in the party remodelled their ideas of the event, as taught at school, with this up-to-date vision of King John, flanked by "keep left" signs and surrounded by flowerbeds, signing the Charta, while the knights and barons arrived on bicycles, cars and No. 41 buses.

Having at last made contact with the other coach, we set off for home in convoy. This time the route took us via Windsor, Oxford and Woodstock, where a short stop was made, and so home.

I should like to thank, on behalf of all, the members of the Staff who made this excursion possible.

D. K. JONES (VI).

IMAGINATION

I wonder if other people as well as myself ever think what a dry old world we would be living in without that one little thing, "imagination." Sometimes, when I have nothing else to do, I ask my mother to relate some real stories of bygone years.

She used to sit and listen to her grandmother telling of Studley College as a private residence, not as an Agricultural College, of the Squire and his Lady attending morning service on Sundays in a shiny landau with what grandmother called a "four-in-hand," which was, of course, four grey horses, and of the handsome butler who used to escort her until she found out that he always carried a pistol to protect himself (so he said) when he had to walk the lonely road back to the castle at night.

Another subject I like to let my imagination dwell on is great-grandfather as the first man in the village to possess a two-wheeler bicycle. I could just see the astonished pedestrians stepping smartly out of the way. But at the thought of button-up boots, and needlework petticoats and pinafores, I am glad to leave my world of imagination and come back to our everyday world.

LYNNE TYLER (IIIB).

FOG

Often during the winter months the atmosphere contains a suspension of water vapour and smoke, which combine and tend to reduce visibility. When visibility is cut to less than one thousand one hundred yards, this condition is known as fog.

Fog is a great nuisance to man. It slows down his transport and lowers his resistance to diseases. The roads are usually the worst affected. Drivers have to travel at reduced speed if they value their lives, and should try to keep to the major roads as much as possible. Even so, an occasional short-sighted driver will find himself in a farmyard, as will several other motorists who have been following his tail lamps in the thick fog. Then there is confusion as the motorists attempt to reverse down the farm-road on to the main road again, with someone getting his wheel stuck in a ploughed field and someone else helpfully blaring his horn. Also, in fog, comes the occasional collision, leaving its impression in the shape of a mangled motor-car. The best way to improve visibility on the roads is to fit yellow or amber fog-lamps to vehicles.

The same troubles are not apparent on the railways, where all fog does is to reduce speed. If, however, an engine driver keeps his train going at full speed, he may easily miss a signal which is at danger, possibly with serious consequences.

There is usually no danger to aeroplanes, because they are grounded altogether in thick fog. Take-offs are cancelled, and incoming planes often are forced to land elsewhere. Very similar measures are taken with ships, sailings often being delayed for days.

Fog is often thicker and lasts longer over sea than over land. It takes a more unhealthy form over land, however, and often contains

dense smoke. It then becomes known as "smog," and is dangerous to health. London is particularly notorious for this affliction, as also are other industrial areas including Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and Glasgow. A certain device called a "smog-mask" has been invented to combat the smog, but there are some doubts as to its success.

Fog, then, is one of the worst types of weather. It cannot be avoided, so we must meet it in the best way we can, by making use of the various types of equipment invented to carry on life normally in fog.

D. BOWIE (VB).

IS THERE A SUPERIOR SEX?

During the past few weeks I have been continually finding myself involved in heated debates on that ever-occurring and rather delicate matter—is man superior to woman? I would now like to put forward some of my views on the subject, shared, I hope, by all self-respecting females.

Right from prehistoric times, the rate of advancement of any animal's brain depended upon the amount of intelligence needed by the animal for self-preservation. The more cunning and clever the animal needed to be in hunting and finding food, the more quickly his brain developed. Prehistoric man was a hunter and due to his need of greater intelligence to keep himself alive, his brain rapidly became more and more advanced as it adapted itself for the purpose.

From the beginning of time it has always been the natural instinct of the male to go out hunting in order to keep his family, while the job of the female was to stay at home looking after the family. Now you may say, "Surely, then, if the male did the hunting, his brain must be more advanced than that of the female?" But remember, as the size and intelligence of man's brain increased, the increase must have been handed down to his descendants, whether male or female. After all, as a girl can inherit her father's red hair, a boy his mother's blue eyes, it is ridiculous to suggest that the female sex should have inherited less brain than the male.

An equally common argument, still on the subject of brains, is that a man's brain is considerably larger than a woman's. The brain of any normal individual is proportional to the size of his or her body. Thanks to man's hunting instinct his body, of necessity, became bigger and stronger to cope with his more strenuous jobs, while the woman, although her duties were just as important, needed to be less physically strong and hardy. Returning to the present, all women are much smaller in stature and much less muscular than men, and naturally must have a smaller brain, though actually they have the same amount in comparison to their size. If they had not, all women would be semi-literate beside their male counterparts, and even the most prejudiced male must admit that this is hardly true.

Until fairly recently it was an unspoken law that the man was the "boss," and woman had little or no say in any matter, of whatever nature it might be. She was completely ruled by her husband, who did as he

liked while his wife stayed at home doing embroidery, or looking after the family, which was usually considerable. In fact, for a long time women were almost ashamed of their sex, for whenever a son was born to a family, it was an event of outstanding importance, a cause for much rejoicing, but the birth of a daughter was shameful, because the idea had grown up that women were of no use, simply because they were physically weaker than men. As a result, they lacked proper education, they were invariably forced into doing things which they would have refused to do had they the courage, and as a result developed a huge inferiority complex which has not yet faded out.

Recently, however, woman has become more emancipated and has stood up for her rights. The advent of proper education has enabled her to take on many jobs which hitherto were thought suitable only for men. We now have female Members of Parliament, female scientists and doctors and female lawyers, the only jobs women are totally unable to do being hard manual jobs such as coalmining. Woman is finally rising to her correct place in the world, and is proving herself to be man's equal, a fact which even the males are now realizing, however reluctantly, and it is to be hoped that within a few generations all woman's so-called inferiority will be completely forgotten.

JULIET ROSS (VI).

THE OLD HOUSE

There was a poor old house
That once was full of folk,
But now it's sad and empty.
And to me it spoke.
It said, "They all have fled,
My rooms are cold and bare,
The front door's locked and bolted,
And all the windows stare.

"No smoke comes from my chimneys,
No rose grows up my wall,
But only ivy shrouds me,
In green and shining shawl!
"No postman brings me letters,
No name is on my gate,
I once was called 'The Ivies,'
But now I'm out of date.
"The garden's poor and weedy,
The trees won't leaf again,
But though I fall to ruin,
The ivy will remain!"

ALISON CHAMBERLAIN (IA).

A DUMB PARROT

While passing a pet shop one day a boy saw a parrot sitting on a perch outside.

"Will you buy me that parrot, please?" the boy asked his father.

"Only if it talks," he replied.

He went up to the parrot, which was a beautiful bird. It had a yellow breast, blue wings and a blue head, with tufts of white round the eyes, and a green tail.

"Can you talk, Joey?" said the man.

The parrot lazily moved his leg and opened one eye. The man kept on talking to the bird, but got no answer.

"He's no good," he said to his son as he turned round. "He can't talk."

As they walked away they were astonished to hear the parrot remark, "Can you fly?"

HILARY CLARK (IV A).

NOTES AND NEWS

The Autumn Term opened on Tuesday, September 9th, and closes on Friday, December 19th.

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The head boy this year is Jones; the head girl is Alison Jones.

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Prefects this terms are :—*Boys*: Jones, Bailey, Cotter, Dale, Herbert, Waring, Wilshaw, Ash, Beale, Lancaster, Sheppard. *Girls*: Alison Jones, Anita Bird, Diane Day, Josephine Holt, Sallie Poolton, Jennifer Weaver, Jennifer Barnsdale, Gillian Clews, Anne Heyes, Ann Lloyd, Eileen Moore, Eileen Such.

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Sides captains are :—*Brownies*: Herbert, Anita Bird (games), Sallie Poolton (arts and crafts). *Jackals*: Waring, Alison Jones (games), Jennifer Weaver (arts and crafts). *Tomits*: Jones, Josephine Holt (games), Diane Day (arts and crafts).

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Games captains are :—*Football*: Cotter. *Hockey*: Barbara Jones. *Netball*: Jean Pirie.

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In the final of the tennis cup tournament, played on Thursday, July 24th, Josephine Holt beat Christine Baylis, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

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The annual school outing, organised by Mr. Petherbridge, took place on Thursday, July 17th. An impression of this visit appears on another page.

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On Thursday, July 24th, the Staff and Sixth Form had a social evening, of which a tennis match was the main feature. The teams taking part were :—*Staff*: Mr. Davison and Miss Morris; Mr. Petherbridge and Miss Beauchamp; Mr. Packham and Miss Hewitt; Mr. Oldham and Mrs. Davison; Miss Evans and Miss Britton. *Sixth Form*: Rouse and J. Burford; Bristow and J. Holt; Dale and A. Bird; Jones and M. Norden; Bailey and J. Bullock. The Sixth proved victors by 124 games to 101.

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Prizes in the essay competition, organised by the Rotary Clubs of Alcester and Brisbane, were won by Gillian Clews, Elizabeth Coveney, Judith Tallis and Lorna Smith.

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Accounts are printed elsewhere in this issue of two Fifth Form outings, the first on Friday, October 17th, to London; the second on Friday, October 24th, to Birmingham.

Two visits have been made this term by joint Sixth and Fifth Form parties to the theatre at Stratford-on-Avon. On Wednesday, September 17th, the play attended was "Romeo and Juliet," and the party was accompanied by Miss Baird and Mr. Hadwen. On the following afternoon Miss Britton and Mr. Thornton took a party to see "Twelfth Night."

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At the end of last term, Mr. B. Seed left the Staff. This term we have been without a teacher of boys' physical training.

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In October the High Bailiff attended a morning assembly to present awards to successful entrants for the cycling proficiency tests.

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Half-term was the week October 27th-31st.

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At the beginning of November, the dentist's caravan took up its position on the girls' field. All pupils have been examined.

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In the week beginning December 1st, terminal examinations will be conducted for Forms I, II, III and IV.

A VISIT TO LONDON

At nine o'clock on October 17th twenty-nine Fifth Formers set out on a visit to London: a party of scientists to visit various museums in Kensington, the artists to visit galleries.

At the Science Museum the scientists first stopped at the children's gallery, the most notable feature of which was a coal mine, with life-size apparatus on show. Members of the party carried out many experiments for themselves by pressing a multitude of buttons. Many potential "criminals" of the party tried to beat a modern burglar alarm, but without success.

On the ground floor there were a number of beam engines and early railway engines, including a full-size model of Stevenson's "Rocket." Keen cyclists were amazed at the many and varied cycles and motor-cycles, contrasted with a gas turbine car, capable of 250 m.p.h.

On the third floor were models of ships and boats of all the ages. The boat used by the Oxford crew in the first boat race caused much comment, and was compared with those on the river at Stratford-on-Avon. On this floor, too, were many clocks and watches, some so small that they were under magnifying glasses to render their parts visible.

One floor higher were many machines used in the textile industry, as well as many early typewriters. This floor had a room containing many models of commercial chemical plants.

At three o'clock the party re-assembled at the main entrance, and then moved on to the Natural History Museum. This museum contained a large number of fossils, the most notable of which was that of an

extinct monster which measured 84ft. 3in., of which the tail was 39ft. 9in. In the museum was a collection of figures which traced the evolution of man.

After a meal at a Lyons' cafeteria, we took the tube to Baker Street, from where we walked to the London Planetarium. There in the auditorium we saw the wonders of the night sky against the London skyline. The movements of the stars and planets throughout the year were shown.

Meanwhile, the artists had started their gallery visits.

At the National Gallery we went to our lecture on the paintings of Claude and Chardin. Everyone admired the beautiful classical landscapes of Claude. In some he had quite clearly shown the time of day, once even going so far as to put a clock with the hands pointing to four o'clock on the outside of a building. Chardin's calm genre and still-life paintings were very beautiful and we admired his great attention to detail and the serenity of his people. This lecture should help us very much in our examination.

After the lecture we went to the Tate Gallery, and on entering we thought, at first, that some of *our* paintings had been "hung" there; but no, they were the works of some young very modern artists! We were particularly interested in a bronze statue of the Queen by a Nigerian artist.

Monet painted about twenty pictures of Rouen Cathedral showing the light effects at different times of day. In spite of having heard of this series, it came as a shock to see how the "dots and dashes" became the façade of a cathedral as we moved farther away from it. We liked this painting very much, and it was amusing to watch the expressions on people's faces as they noticed how the blurred mass became a building.

Some of us decided it was worth a trip to London just to see "Her First Evening Out" by Renoir. The girl in the picture seems to be alive and you can feel yourself wanting to lean forward to see what she is gazing at so intently. The painting does not seem to have "dated" in any way, and Renoir has captured the feeling of a first night out so well that the girl of 1958 can feel kinship with the girl of 1898.

In the evening the whole party went to the B.B.C. Theatre. Here we formed part of the studio audience for a recording of "Ray's a Laugh." In this we saw Ted Ray, Kenneth Connor, Laidman Browne, Rosalind Knight and other well-known people. The actors sat on chairs and, as their cue came, they stood up and spoke into a microphone. One actress actually took two parts at the same time and had to run across to a second microphone to speak one part and back again to speak the other. The sound effects were done off-stage.

We set off for home at eight o'clock and arrived in Alcester at midnight, stopping once only on the way.

We would like to thank Miss Simm and Mr. Hadwen for organising a very enjoyable outing.

JUDITH TALLIS, SHEILA SHEPPARD,
R. DAY and G. BENNETT (VA).

THE IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION

On Thursday, October 23rd, the Fifth Form cookery group went to see an Ideal Home Exhibition at Bingley Hall, Birmingham. We travelled by service bus, and had half a mile to walk on reaching the terminus.

On arrival, there was some confusion about our tickets, but in the end it was decided that we had to pay only half price. Inside we were allowed to look round the exhibition on our own.

We had come mainly to look at the different types of kitchens. All the kitchens were modern and painted in contemporary style. Most of them had stainless steel sinks and wall cupboards; underneath some were plastic containers for dry ingredients, washing machines, spin dryers and gas or electric cookers. The cupboards had heat-proof tops in glowing colours with drawers and cupboards painted in matching or contrasting tones. There were also some wonderful new automatic cookers.

When we had seen the kitchens we wandered round to the food stores, hoping to get some free samples, but I am afraid we did not have any success. There was a hairdressing compartment, and one of the assistants had dyed her hair silvery blue. One girl bought a coconut shampoo which had a horrible smell.

Among the other items were a fashion show, televisions, G-plan furniture, ornaments and hardware stores. A competition had been held earlier for cakes, pickles and embroidery. The best entries were displayed at the exhibition. We were impressed by the magnificent icing of many of the cakes.

Unfortunately we had only an hour and a quarter to spend at the exhibition, and that went very quickly. As we hurried back to the bus stop one member of the party had her beret knocked off by a bus conductor. Most of us reached home before seven, after an enjoyable afternoon.

VIRGINIA BELL (VA).

UP IN THE MORNING

When you wake up in the morning,
With those early morning blues,
You don't know where your blouse is,
And you cannot find your shoes.
Oh! Wouldn't it be lovely,
To creep back into bed,
To forget about when mother came,
And, "Time to get up," she said?

But school cannot be avoided,
And it does no good to weep,
Just think of when the night-time comes,
And you can go to sleep.
But there's something good on "telly,"
And you can hardly wait,
Until your father gets home, to see
If you can stay up late.

PATRICIA SHERLOCK (IIIA).

A SNOWY DAY

When the snow falls thick upon the ground,
And the scenery is white all around;
The children go outside to play,
Delighted with this snowy day.
They build a snowman tall and fat,
And dress him in a bowler hat;
His face looks very white, you know,
But that's because he's made of snow.
Later their mother calls them in,
Because they're making such a din;
They did not do as they were told—
Because they didn't, they caught cold.

HAZEL COX (IIA).

MORGAN EVANS

Seated in a small inn in the wilds of Carmarthenshire were two Englishmen having a quiet drink. The door opened and one of the "locals" walked in. He was a strange-looking person, wearing a very old and battered bowler hat, a long, tweed coat, corduroy trousers, gaiters, extremely large boots, and carrying a very curly stick. He ordered a drink, and went to sit by the Englishmen. He introduced himself as Morgan Evans, but they were not impressed.

"I'm Morgan Evans," he repeated, "biggest landowner in Wales."

He pointed out of the window to a large herd of cattle.

"Just a part of my herd," he boasted. "Look out of the other window; two thousand acres of the finest pasture land in Wales."

They were not impressed. Morgan then asked the Englishmen: "Who are you, then?"

They replied: "Oh, we are from the Income Tax people!"

"Oh! Well, well, well. Have a drink with me. Never heard of me, Morgan Evans, the biggest liar in Wales?"

M. J. HEMMING (VA).

THE STORM

The night air was humid. There was no wind and the trees that fringed the moor stood like spectres, silent and still. But, suddenly, there was a low roll of thunder in the distance.

It drew nearer, gradually growing louder and more menacing. A wind blew up, and the trees began to quiver. Then the thunder came crashing through the night. Darts of lightning flashed through the sky, lighting up the heavens. The wind became stronger, and the rain came on. Then, with a terrific thunderclap, the storm reached its climax. The raging night burst forth upon the moor. The thunder roared and torrential rain flooded the ground. Streaks of lightning flashed across the heavens, and the wind's force caused many trees to bend, almost to breaking point. Lightning struck several of the trees, so altering their form that they assumed grotesque shapes in the night.

Then the rain gradually became lighter. The wind dropped, and the lightning became less severe. The thunder faded away into the distance.

Once again the moor was silent. The trees, some altered in shape, and some struck to the ground, continued their motionless vigil.

JINDA SAVAGE (IVB).

AUTUMN

The trees are now all clothed in gold,
As one by one the leaves do fold.
Through the air they downward float,
To make the earth a golden coat.
The squirrels bound from bough to bough,
For nuts are getting scarcer now.

Across the frosty autumnal sky,
The pheasant and the partridge cry.
From woody copse and blackthorn thickets
No more the cheeping of the crickets;
Instead the sound of huntsman's horn
That breaks the silence of the morn.

A. TAYLOR (IVB).

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

We are all in a hurry,
All this bother and worry.
Presents to get,
A book or train set?
What about Aunt Anne,
A pot or a pan?
And old Uncle Harry?
And then cousin Barry?
Who said it's fun?
Oh, well, just leave it to Mum.

JOSEPHINE BAKER (IIb).

SIXTH FORM NOTES

This year these notes are being written by the scientific members of the Sixth.

On the first day of this term many of the now Upper Sixth members entered the communal room with sad hearts, remembering the loss of last year's colleagues, with whom many memorable hours had been spent. We would like to congratulate them on their Advanced Level results, and hope they are progressing well in their new roles, whether at university, training college, or elsewhere. We look forward to seeing them in the near future.

But to console our sad hearts there came a group of gleaming, chattering individuals, waiting with enthusiasm for a first glance at a new realm of knowledge which the Sixth Form opens up to them. Their capacity for consuming this knowledge (and duties) amazed all the established members, but they have now slowed down. They were known as "keen types."

At the end of last term, members of the Sixth invited the Staff to tea in the canteen. Games of tennis were played afterwards, and the final result of the whole match was a victory for the younger participants. Croquet and clock golf were also played on one of the fields. Altogether this was a very enjoyable summer's evening.

During the summer holidays the car and wireless addict spent many hours (or so he says) trying to make the famous wireless work. It must be pointed out, however, that he achieved some degree of success, as two stations can now be heard, but the set still relies on a piece of wire wrapped round the radiator and leading into the heart of this mysterious mechanism. An aerial? Some very peculiar sounds can still be made, however, by turning the wireless knobs at random.

The wireless is now the chief source of entertainment during "off duty" dinner hours, together with *Punch* and other magazines in which readers swot up information for the discussion period!

The Sixth is a sedate group of individuals (with minor exceptions), a condition which can probably be attributed to the influence of the Lower Sixth, all diligently performing their duties under the tyrannical hand of head boy, Jones, D. K., and head girl, Jones, A. C.

The Sixth is well represented in the School teams, but they unfortunately have not had much success so far.

During the first few days of this term our periods in the Sixth were

enlightened by the added attraction of a French girl called Yvonne, on whom fervent scientists poured volumes of a long-forgotten language.

Many members now take part in discussions on certain questions and topics during two periods, and a vote is taken at the end; some, however, are very loath to speak, while others become quite overheated. Perhaps some are still mourning the loss of the two general activity periods!

All the Upper Sixth are now deciding which university they are going to apply to, or what they are going to do when they leave school, but they still find time to utter an occasional "Stone me" or caterpillar phrase; but all goes on as normal.

J. ROSS and M. BAILEY.

THE BATTLE

The field is set, the men are ready,
Both contestants' hands are steady.
The pawns move forward to attack,
The king's protected front and back.

The knight darts in to take the queen,
A move the other had not seen.
The king is now in mortal plight,
Perhaps he'll die, killed by a knight.

The other's queen moves down the line,
He thinks, "The game is all but mine."
A vicious thrust and all is done,
The game is lost; the game is won.

P. FRIDMAN (IV A).

AGE

Have you noticed the different ways people feel about age?

In answer to the question, "How old are you?" a young person, of five or six, would say, "I am five years, three months and twelve days old." You will notice that this is very accurate. A girl of fourteen would say, "Oh, nearly sixteen," yet when she reaches twenty-one she is usually truthful about this delicate subject.

At thirty, a woman will have had her twenty-first birthday "a few months ago." Then our female parents start to moan when they reach the "forty" stage; it is, "Getting old now," or "Oh, my rheumatism," while a man tells that he is, "Just past my prime." Yet from here they seem to be proud of their age, and say with enthusiasm, "Seventy-five next birthday." Oh, if only I were a mind reader.

JANICE SWAIN (III B).

WINTER

The trees are bare,
Their leaves are shed,
And all the flowers are now quite dead.
The misty morning is cold and grey,
No longer the green trees stand and sway.
The babbling brook runs swiftly past;
The holly berries are red at last.
Winter is here, winter is here,
The summer is long, long past.

JUNE FURBER (IB).

SPORTS DAY, 1958

The School's forty-fifth Sports Day gathering took place on Tuesday, July 22nd. As has been our experience in recent years, the weather of the previous week had held very little promise of a fine day; in fact, rain was falling up to a quarter of an hour before the start of the events. But the afternoon developed into one of the finest in a poor summer. There was a large attendance of visitors, and they were entertained to a good display and keen competition. The afternoon was one of triumph for the Tomtits, who proved the strongest side this year.

Indoors, visitors found the customary display of exhibits in Arts and Crafts competitions in needlework, cookery, woodwork, photography, etc., as well as biological exhibits. An unusual feature which attracted much attention was an archaeological exhibition of local discoveries, organised and arranged by Ann Heyes and Russell in the Sixth Form room.

At the end of the afternoon the School assembled in their traditional formation on the field for the presentation of medals, cups and shields. These presentations were very kindly made by Mrs. J. G. Holt. The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a very enjoyable and successful afternoon.

RESULTS

(B—Brownies, J—Jackals, T—Tomtits)

* Indicates a new record.

OVER FIFTEEN

Boys

100 yards—1 Danks (T), 2 Jones (T), 3 Rouse (T), 4 Bailey (T). Time: 10.9 secs.
 220 yards—1 Danks (T), 2 Jones (T), 3 Rouse (T), 4 Harris (T). Time: 25.5 secs.
 440 yards—1 Danks (T), 2 Rouse (T), 3 Jones (T), 4 Bailey (T). Time: 56.9 secs.
 880 yards—1 Rouse (T), 2 Danks (T), 3 Jones (T), 4 Harris (T). Time: 2 mins.
 10.5 secs.*

Mile—1 Rouse (T), 2 Harris (T), 3 Jones (T), 4 Shakles (J). Time: 5 mins. 6.7 secs.
 Hurdles: 1 Danks (T), 2 Rouse (T), 3 Harris (T), 4 Bailey (T). Time: 15 secs.
 Throwing the Discus—1 Wheeler (B), 2 Jones (T), 3 Danks (T), 4 Nutbeam (J). Distance: 105ft. 1in.

Putting the Shot—1 Sheppard i (T), 2 Cooke i (J), 3 Rouse (T), 4 Bailey (T). Distance 34ft. 3in.

Long Jump—1 Jones (T), 2 Rouse (T), 3 Harris (T) and Cooper (T). Distance: 19ft. 6in.*

High Jump—1 Rouse (T), 2 Beale i (J), 3 Harris (T), 4 Cotter (T). Height: 4ft. 11in.
 Throwing the Javelin—1 Cooke i (J), 2 Chambers (J), 3 Mills ii (J), 4 Jones (T). Distance: 108ft. 2in.

Cross-country—1 Rouse (T), 2 Mills i (J), 3 Harris (T), 4 Chambers (J). Time: 27 mins. 32 secs.

(Sides—1 Tomtits, 2 Jackals, 3 Brownies.)

GIRLS

100 yards—1 J. Parton (J), 2 J. Burford (J), 3 J. Pirie (J), 4 G. Draycott (B). Time: 13 secs.

220 yards—1 J. Burford (J), 2 A. Jones (J), 3 G. Draycott (B), 4 B. Jones (B). Time: 31 secs.

Hurdles—1 J. Burford (J), 2 J. Pirie (J), 3 B. Jones (B), 4 A. Jones (J). Time: 12.8 secs.

High Jump—1 J. Burford (J), 2 W. Davis (T), 3 J. Pirie (J), 4 M. Millward (T). Height: 4ft. 6in.

Throwing the Rounders Ball—1 M. Wilks (B), 2 J. Pirie (J), 3 H. Booker (B), 4 M. Rogers (T). Distance: 165ft. 7in.

Long Jump—1 J. Parton (J), 2 J. Burford (J), 3 W. Davis (T), 4 A. Jones (J). Distance: 15ft. 4in.*

Throwing the Javelin—1 J. Pirie (J), 2 M. Hemming (T), 3 S. Dyson (B), 4 E. Gee (J). Distance: 71ft.

Throwing the Discus—1 J. Pirie (J), 2 S. Dyson (B), 3 J. Tallis (J), 4 E. Ison (J). Distance: 61ft. 8in.

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THIRTEEN—FIFTEEN

BOYS

100 yards—1 Wilkinson (T), 2 Turner (J), 3 Bowie (T), 4 Wyatt i (J). Time: 12.5 secs.
 220 yards—1 Bowie (T), 2 Stanford (B), 3 Wilkinson (T), 4 Taylor i (B). Time: 29.5 secs.
 440 yards—1 Bowie (T), 2 Dobson (B), 3 Stanford (B), 4 Hemming i (J). Time: 66.2 secs.
 880 yards—1 Mertens (T), 2 Stanford (B), 3 Wyatt i (J), 4 Guillaume (J). Time: 2 mins. 35.4 secs.
 Hurdles—1 Wilkinson (T), 2 Turner (J), 3 Guillaume (J). Time: 13.7 secs.
 High Jump—1 Stanford (B), 2 Fridman (B), 3 Wyatt i (J), 4 Taylor i (B). Height: 4ft. 7in.
 Long Jump—1 Wyatt i (J), 2 Hemming i (J), 3 Wilkinson (T), 4 Lovell i (J). Distance: 15ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.*
 Throwing the Javelin—1 Wyatt i (J), 2 Taylor i (B), 3 Hemming ii (J), 4 Fridman (B). Distance: 110ft. 4ins.
 Throwing the Discus—1 Wyatt i (J), 2 Wilkes (B), 3 Stanford (B), 4 Fridman (B). Distance: 71ft. 1in.
 Putting the Shot—1 Turner (J) and Bowie (T), 3 Foster (B), 4 Wyatt i (J). Distance: 30ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
 Cross-country—1 Wilkinson (T), 2 Hemming i (J), 3 Guillaume (J), 4 Taylor i (B). Time: 16 mins. 5 secs.

(Sides—1 Brownies, 2 Tomtits, 3 Jackals.)

GIRLS

100 yards—1 L. Smith (B), 2 C. Forman (B), 3 H. Clark (J), 4 P. Downing (B). Time: 13.3 secs.
 150 yards—1 L. Smith (B), 2 C. Forman (B), 3 H. Clark (J), 4 P. Downing (B). Time: 20.1 secs.
 High Jump—1 C. Baylis (T), 2 R. Wright (B), 3 J. Cartmale (T), 4 E. Coveney (J). Height: 3ft. 11in.
 Long Jump—1 D. Cooke (T), 2 R. Wright (B), 3 M. Pope (T), 4 H. Clark (J). Distance: 14ft. 8ins.*
 Throwing the Rounders Ball—1 M. Haydon (J), 2 J. Fitzmaurice (B), 3 C. Smith (T), 4 M. Pope (T). Distance: 168ft. 11ins.*
 Hurdles—1 R. Wright (B), 2 M. Haydon (J), 3 L. Smith (B), 4 M. Pope (T). Time: 12.8 secs.
 Throwing the Discus—1 N. Crook (T), 2 E. Coveney (J), 3 C. Baylis (T), 4 J. Cartmale (T). Distance: 55ft. 3in.
 Throwing the Javelin—1 C. Baylis (T), 2 R. Shakespeare (T), 3 S. Ingram (B), 4 V. Prokain (J). Distance: 61ft. 1in.

UNDER THIRTEEN

BOYS

100 yards—1 Handy iii (B), 2 Devey (J), 3 Oakes (T), 4 Scott (J). Time: 13.4 secs.
 220 yards—1 Devey (J), 2 Oakes (T), 3 Price (T), 4 Scott (J). Time: 31.7 secs.
 440 yards—1 Handy iii (B), 2 Price (T), 3 Thomas (B), 4 Smith (T). Time: 71.8 secs.
 High Jump—1 Devey (J), 2 Thomas (B), 3 Scott (J), 4 Handy iii (B). Height: 4ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.*
 Long Jump—1 Scott (J), 2 Devey (J), 3 Cook ii (T), 4 Price (T). Distance: 14ft. 4ins.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—1 Simmons (J), 2 Guise (T), 3 Morris (B), 4 Rigby (T). Distance: 142ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

GIRLS

100 yards—1 K. Day (J), 2 V. Ross (T), 3 H. Cox (T), 4 M. Mahoney (B). Time: 13.4 secs.
 150 yards—1 K. Day (J), 2 V. Ross (T), 3 M. Bott (J), 4 S. Millett (B) and L. Parish (J). Time: 21.1 secs.
 High Jump—1 S. Millett (B), 2 M. Mahoney (B), 3 J. Craig (T), 4 J. Duxbury (B). Height: 4ft. 2ins.
 Long Jump—1 S. Millett (B), 2 M. Bott (J), 3 V. Ross (T), 4 L. Parish (J). Distance: 13ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
 Throwing the Rounders Ball—1 E. Gardner (T), 2 J. Duxbury (B), 3 C. Jarrett (T), 4 E. Colegate (J). Distance: 135ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

OTHER EVENTS

Relay (Boys) (24 x 110 yards)—1 Tomtits, 2 Jackals. Time: 5 mins. 49.7 secs.
 Relay (Upper School Boys) (4 x 110 yards)—1 Tomtits, 2 Jackals. Time: 49.6 secs.*
 Relay (Lower School Boys) (4 x 110 yards)—1 Tomtits, 2 Jackals. Time: 56.7 secs.
 Relay (Upper School Girls) (4 x 110 yards)—1 Jackals, 2 Brownies. Time: 58.2 secs.*
 Relay (Lower School Girls) (4 x 110 yards)—1 Jackals, 2 Tomtits. Time: 62.2 secs.*
 Tug-of-War—1 Tomtits, 2 Jackals.

The following presentations were made:—

Victor Ludorum Cup—Rouse (37 points).*Victoria Ludorum Cup*—Jill Burford (31 points).*Junior Victoria Ludorum Cup*—Christine Baylis, Ruth Wright, Lorna Smith (tied with 17 points).

Cross-country Cup (for winning side)—Tomtits.

Cross-country Cup (for winner of senior event)—Rouse.

Games Shield—Tomtits.

Boys' Sports Cup—Tomtits.

Bronze Medals—Mills i, Hemming i, Bowie, Stanford, Handy iii, Josephine Parton,

Christine Baylis, Ruth Wright, Lorna Smith, Karen Day, Saxon Millett, Valerie

Ross.

Silver Medals—Rouse, Jones, Danks, Wyatt i, Wilkinson, Devey, Jill Burford, Jean

Pirie.

Sports Shield—Tomtits (426 points). Jackals scored 390 points, and Brownies 258

points.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

The following awards were made in the Arts and Crafts competitions:—

Bronze Medals—Pauline Downing, Mary Bott, Anne Oseland, Heather Lee, Angela

Bailey, Kathleen Hartwell, Jane Eborall, Jennifer Mason, Julia Bailey, Hazel

Morgan, Anita Bird, Margaret Millward, Handy iii, Jean Cowper.

Silver Medals—Wendy Yates, Sheila Wiles, Pamela Finnemore, Helen Jackson, Mary

Norden.

'Edith Deans' Memorial Trophy—Mary Norden.

Arts and Crafts Shield—Brownies (1,840 points). Jackals scored 1,451 points and

Tomtits 1,205 points.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas time will soon be here,

Holly will soon be about;

Presents will make all to cheer,

And snow will fetch the children out.

Christmas trees will appear in shops.

Cakes and crackers, too;

There will be parties for eager children

And lots of things to do.

Decorations sold by the dozen,

Puzzles and games by the score.

Yes, Christmas time is a happy time,

Which everyone seems to adore.

LESLEY BATES (IIb).

FISHING!

One day during the last summer holidays my cousin Phillip, my brother Paul and myself went on a fishing expedition to the River Alne, which runs across the bottom of our drive. We did not have much luck, so we decided to change our fishing grounds. We looked under the bridge and Phillip saw a Gladstone bag. The three of us could only just pull it out. When we had torn the bag open we found that it was full of high-speed steel-cutting tools wrapped in greased paper. They were evidently new. It took us quite a few journeys to take the tools home in our saddle bags. When we took them to Henley police station, the sergeant asked us to bring him the Gladstone bag so that he could examine it.

The police estimated the value of the tools to be £300.

J. BADGER (Ib).

THE TEDDY BOY

The "Teddy boy" walked down the street,
With blue suede shoes upon his feet.
With jacket long and "drainpipes" tight,
Some people thought he looked a sight.

Down to the juke-joint he did walk
And with his mates, inside, did talk.
They played the juke box again and again,
Until it drove some squares insane.

The other "Teds" had "drainpipes," too.
Of bellbottomed trousers there were few.
The "Teddy boys" then began to jive,
Like swarms of bees inside a hive.

D. MIDDLETON and J. SCOTT (IIa).

SAYED BY A MOOSE

A loud baying of wolves awakened Stewart McDonald from his sleep. At the moment he was living in the most northerly part of Canada, which adjoined Alaska. He was living in a small hut not very far from the forest. It was very cold, the temperature always being well below freezing point in the winter. Stewart was alone, as his companion had met with an Alaskan bear and had been killed. Stewart sleepily arose and dressed. Looking out of the window he saw nothing at first, the time being just after three in the morning. Gradually he made out the slinking shapes of wolves going in and out of the trees.

Stewart reached for his rifle, which was always by his bed, and stepped quietly outside. He crept nearer and nearer, so that he could kill one of these destructive animals. Stewart crept towards them and at last lay down in the snow and reached for his rifle.

A loud whistling sound made him jump to his feet immediately but, quick as he was, a female weasel was clinging to his thick fur coat. He shook it off and retreated. The wolves, hearing the commotion, ran towards him baying, dirty, grey and slinking, with yellow teeth and large, baleful eyes. Stewart picked up his gun and emptied the magazine into the pack. He killed three wolves, but the rest advanced on him. Only a hundred yards away now, the wolves spurted. Stewart, realising he could not reach home, picked up a branch and stood at bay.

But a large male moose with huge, spreading antlers appeared, and the wolves turned aside and chased him. He raised his head and charged, killing many wolves in the process. But he was overwhelmed after a good fight and was eventually eaten by the wolves. It had to be, for such are the laws of nature.

R. BRADLEY (III A).

**OXFORD EXAMINATIONS FOR
GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION**

The results of the examinations taken in June-July, 1958, were :—

Upper Sixth
ADVANCED LEVEL (except subjects marked O)

M. A. Bristow, *English Literature, Geography; French (O)*.

*M. J. Rouse, *Pure Mathematics (with distinction), Applied Mathematics (with distinction), Physics*.

D. Sheppard, *Chemistry, Biology; Additional Mathematics (O)*.

J. M. Bullock, *English Literature, History*.

J. D. Burford, *Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics (with distinction), Chemistry (with distinction)*.

J. Cowper, *English Literature*.

J. A. Harvey, *English Literature, History*.

A. Taylor, *English Literature; Needlework (O)*.

M. P. Thomas, *English Literature*.

S. M. Wiles, *Applied Mathematics*.

* Awarded State Scholarship.

ORDINARY LEVEL

(Abbreviations : el, English Language; E, English Literature; L, Latin; F, French; H, History; G, Geography; A, Art; M, Mathematics; P, Physics; C, Chemistry; B, Biology; gs, General Science; W, Woodwork; Co, Cookery; Rk, Religious Knowledge).

Form Va

- D. Ash, el, E, H, G, M, P, C.
- D. W. Beale, el, E, F, G, M, P, C, W.
- J. S. Harris, el, F, H, A, M.
- D. A. Lancaster, el, E, F, M, P, C, B, W.
- J. A. Sheppard, el, E, F, G, M, P, C, W.
- E. A. Ashton, el, E, F, H, A, M, C, B.
- J. S. M. Barnsdale, el, E, L, F, H, M.
- P. A. Batsford, el, E, F, G, M, C, B, Co.
- J. M. Biddle, el, E, F, M, Co.
- G. Clews, el, E, L, F, H, Rk, G, B.
- D. F. Dibble, el, E, F, H, A, M.
- V. Dobson, el, E, F, H, G, A, M.
- S. A. Dyson, el, E, F, H, M, C.
- P. A. Good, el, E, F, H, G, gs.
- V. E. Beston, E.
- J. L. Bridgeman, M.
- A. G. Cooke, el, E, H, G, M, gs.
- C. L. Danks, el, E, H, G, M, P.
- A. E. Hopkins, el, M, B, W.
- M. J. Horton, el.
- J. B. Lewis, A, M, W.
- G. R. Meddins, G.
- B. W. Mills, F, G, A, W.
- R. A. Mills, E, H, G, M, gs.
- R. Nutbeam, el, E, H.
- P. F. Russell, el, E, H, G, gs.
- M. A. Green, el, E, H, Co.
- M. M. Hemming, el, E, H, Co.
- H. A. Heyes, el, E, H, G, M, gs.
- B. E. Jones, el, A, M, B, Co.
- S. A. Langston, el, E, F, C, M.
- A. C. Lloyd, el, E, L, F, M, P, C, B.
- M. H. Millward, E, G, M, C.
- E. C. Moore, el, E, F, H, G, A, M, C.
- J. M. Parton, el, E, F, H, A.
- R. A. Patterson, el, E, L, F, M, C, B.
- M. Price, el, E, L, F, M, C, B.
- M. P. Rogers, el, E, F, H, M.
- J. Ross, el, E, L, F, A, M, C, B.
- E. Smith, el, E, F, M, C, B.
- E. P. Such, el, E, L, F, G, M, P, C.
- C. M. Vondrak, el, E, M.

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- C. D. Spalding, M, C, W.
- R. F. Bullock, A, M.
- C. Burton, Co.
- W. F. Davis, Co.
- B. Gee, Co.
- J. H. Heighway, H.
- C. M. Higley, E, A, M, Co.
- P. Hygate, A, Co.
- P. M. Palmer, E, H, G.
- Y. F. Westwood, el, E, H, A, M, Co.
- W. B. Yates, G.

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- English Language and Mathematics* : R. J. Canning, R. E. Day, D. M. Thornton, M. E. Coveney, G. Draycott, E. A. Ison, K. Renshaw, J. Tallis, E. J. Wilshaw.
- English Language* : C. A. Baylis, B. E. Bullock, S. M. Deakins, J. M. Houston.
- Mathematics* : G. Bennett, D. J. Bryan, M. J. Wheeler.

THE SCHOOL CHOIR

In September, 1957, a School Choir was formed again by Miss Beauchamp. During the autumn term a variety of songs were learnt, but from half-term onwards the Choir concentrated on carols. After only two very short rehearsals, a Festival of the Nine Lessons and Carols was held at the Parish Church, Alcester. This was attended by the whole School, and also some parents. There were several solos, and the Choir sang an unusual carol, "Flocks in pastures green abiding." The whole service was tape-recorded. It is hoped to hold a similar service at the Parish Church this year.

On Friday, 28th March, 1958, a section of the Choir sang at the "Parents' Night" at the Woodville School of Music, of which Miss Beauchamp is the principal.

On 19th March, 1958, the Choir took part in a non-competitive music festival which was held at the Leamington College for Girls. Fourteen schools took part. Each school provided several individual items, as piano solos or trios and, accompanied by the full-size orchestras of several schools, the massed choirs sang "The New Commonwealth," "Sing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." The School Choir sang "O, Lovely Peace" and "The Birch Tree."

Another festival is to be held in March, 1959, at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Rugby. The Choir hopes to be able to take part if practices, which at the moment can only be held in the dinner-hour, can be arranged.

On Friday, 13th June, and on the following night, the Choir took part in a concert given at the Entaco Hall, Studley, by the pupils of the Woodville School of Music. The Choir sang several songs.

The majority of the Choir are from the Lower School, and they have shown great enthusiasm in attending practices. It is hoped that during the year a School Concert will be held.

GILLIAN CLEWS (VI).

NETBALL

Captain: Jean Pirie.

So far this term we have played only two matches, being beaten by the new Stratford Grammar School; we then gained a decisive victory over Studley College.

Several of our dinner-hour practices had to be cancelled owing to bad weather. We have found that by using the new rules this term the game has been speeded up considerably, although it is more tiring.

The 1st VII has included W. Wright, M. Wilks, B. Jones, C. Baylis, J. Pirie, R. Wright, V. Prokain, J. Barnsdale and E. Ison.

The 2nd VII has included J. Tallis, J. Duxbury, G. Clews, C. Smith, J. Cartmale, E. Ison, R. Wright, V. Prokain, S. Millett, J. Wilks, J. Barnsdale, D. Smith and J. Wilshaw.

RESULTS

A.G.S. 1st VII v. Stratford G.S. (home), lost, 28-20.
 A.G.S. 2nd VII v. Stratford G.S. (home), lost, 8-13.
 .. v. Studley College (away), won, 9-1.

J. PIRIE.

FOOTBALL*Captain* : Cotter.*Vice-Captain* : Jones.*Secretary* : Bailey.

This season we have a larger programme of fixtures than last year. Up to the time of reporting, the first team has already played four matches, and the weather has been kind to us both for School matches and for practice games. As usual, we have lost a number of our most experienced players, and the new team has still to settle down properly; it seems likely, however, that we shall be weaker than we were last season.

In matches so far played, the Under-15 XI has, on the whole, found its opponents considerably stronger than themselves.

We have no Games Master this term. Mr. Petherbridge and Mr. Benton are taking charge of games during School hours; we should like to express our gratitude to them and to other members of the Staff for the interest they have taken in the football teams.

RESULTS

- A.G.S. 1st XI v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), lost, 1—14.
.. v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), drawn, 2—2.
.. v. Redditch C.H.S. (away), lost, 1—5.
.. v. Worcester T.C. (home), won, 1—0.

A.G.S. Under-15 XI v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (home), won, 8—2.
.. v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), lost, 2—10.
.. v. Worcester T.C. (home), lost, 0—10.

D. COTTER.

HOCKEY*Captain* : Barbara Jones.*Vice-Captain* : Josephine Holt.*Secretary* : Gillian Clews.

This term, practices have been held on Thursdays after School and during the dinner hour on Fridays.

Both teams have improved since the beginning of the season, especially the 2nd XI, where we have some promising, enthusiastic members of the Lower School. Although still young and inexperienced, the 2nd XI have shown by the results of their last two matches their determination to win. Their first match this season resulted in an 8—0 win for Worcester Grammar School, but in their last two matches the scores have been, respectively, drawn 1—1 and lost 1—2. Soon we hope we shall be able to record some victories for the 2nd XI.

The 1st XI have had some very even matches this term and so far have only last one match.

Four members of the 1st XI went to the Hockey Trials at Edgbaston on November 1st. Although unsuccessful, they gained valuable experience which will doubtless help the 1st XI to victory in the future.

The 1st XI consists of G. Draycott, R. Patterson, G. Clews, J. Holt, C. Baylis, J. Pirie, R. Wright, E. Ison, M. Wilks, W. Wright and B. Jones. *Reserves*: V. Prokain and S. Ingram.

The 2nd XI has included J. Wilks, C. Oram, P. Ison, K. Hartwell, V. Prokain, D. Smith, S. Ingram, C. Smith, G. Nightingale, D. Cooke, H. Parker, I. Jones, J. Duxbury, I. Highman, L. Smith, M. Jordan.

RESULTS

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| A.G.S. 1st XI | v. Worcester G.S. (away), drawn, 2—2. |
| " | v. Studley College (home), lost, 3—6. |
| " | v. Stratford-on-Avon G.S. (home), won, 2—1. |
| " | v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), won, 4—3. |
| A.G.S. 2nd XI | v. Worcester G.S. (away), lost, 0—8. |
| " | v. Stratford-on-Avon G.S. (home), drawn, 1—1. |
| " | v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), lost, 1—2. |

B. JONES.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESULTS

CRICKET

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| A.G.S. 1st XI | v. Old Scholars (home), lost, 25—110 for 8 dec. |
| " | v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), lost, 29—80 for 5. |
| " | v. Old Scholars (home), won, 57 for 9—56. |
| " | v. Worcester T.H.S. (home), lost, 31—60. |

SIDES: Tomtits 39, Jackals 28; Tomtits 84, Brownies 29; Brownies 18, Jackals 20 for 2.

SIDES (Junior): Tomtits 13, Jackals 52 for 4; Tomtits 10, Brownies 11 for 0; Brownies 22, Jackals 38 for 9.

TENNIS

A.G.S. 1st VI v. Leamington College (home), won, 8—1.

SIDES: Jackals 6, Brownies 3; Tomtits 6, Jackals 3; Tomtits 6, Brownies 3.

ANALYSIS

A.G.S. 1st VI	Played	Won	Lost
	6	4	2

Colours were awarded to Jennifer Barnsdale and Christine Baylis.

ROUNDERS

A.G.S. 1st IX v. Redditch C.H.S. (home), lost, 1—4.

A.G.S. Under-15 IX v. Redditch C.H.S. (home), lost, 1—2.

" v. Leamington College (home), won, 3—1.

A.G.S. Under-14 IX v. Four Pools S.M.S. (away), won, 8—1.

SIDES: Jackals 3, Brownies 2; Tomtits 6, Brownies 0; Tomtits 4, Jackals 2.

Colours were awarded to Maureen Wilks.

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